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TALE OF TWO CITIES MAY YET HAVE A HAPPY ENDING

— By PAUL DEAN —

In the next few days the "normalised" relations between NSW and Victoria will receive further boost.

On Friday night at Olympic Park, Melbourne, Hakoah Sydney and Croatia Melbourne, the two respective Ampol Cup winners, will meet.

On Sunday afternoon at Sydney's Wentworth Park, Victoria will meet NSW in the second leg of the interstate clash.

Neither tie carries any official tag at all and thus the winners won't be able to claim any "titles."

However, the keen rivalry between the two major Aus-

tralian States will ensure the presence of high competitive spirit.

Hakoah, now in splendid form, are most anxious to do well.

They have never lost a competitive match in Melbourne.

Unlike APIA last year in the final of the Australia Cup, Hakoah have prepared thoroughly for the trip.

The team will get to Melbourne at noon on Friday then rest in a motel

until it's time to go to the Park.

After the match the team will stay in Melbourne overnight and return to Sydney on Saturday morning.

Sunday's interstate clash in Sydney should be an excellent guide for national team coach Joe Vlasits.

These players, all in the national squad, will be on view:

Keith, Van Alphen, McColl, Vojtek, Abonyi (Vic.), Corry, Ackerley, Schaefer,

Warren, Westwater, Baartz Blue, Marnoch (NSW).

The first tie two weeks ago ended in a 0-0 draw in Melbourne and produced dour, defensive football.

NSW are expected to win the return match particularly if they show more flair for attack than they did in Melbourne.

Federation and club officials both in Sydney and Melbourne are now hopeful that the spirit of co-operation between the two States will now spill over from the field to the conference table.

Probably this weekend the 24 club presidents from the two cities will sit down to a long discussion in Sydney.

One vital item on their agenda will be the proposed inter-city league for 1969 or 1970.

It is hoped that for once really thorough plans will be prepared and this vast, complex project will not be mishandled, as have so many others in the past.

'68 Annual now ready

The "SOCCER WORLD" 1968 Annual will go on sale next Saturday week at the Sportsground.

This is the most comprehensive annual we have ever published — from the NSW angle.

Each Sydney First Division club is featured over a full page with the team photo and club emblem.

For the first time we publish many new and fascinating facets on NSW soccer — exclusively compiled by our staff.

We have also considerably enlarged the overseas section, giving Australian fans a comprehensive guide to soccer around the world.

The Annual will also be on sale the week after next at major grounds.

It will not be on sale at newsagents.

The price has remained 40c.

If you order it by mail the cost is 48 cents.

CUP OF JOY



Hakoah skipper Alan Marnoch displays the Ampol Cup after last Sunday's 1-0 victory over St. George-Budapest.

Sixteen in Aussie squad

Twelve members of the triumphant 1967 touring team have retained their places in the Australian squad to meet Japan.

The four new faces in the 16-man squad announced this week are Queensland goalie Ross Kelly, Adelaide's John Perin and Sydney's Alan Marnoch and Archie Blue.

Marnoch and Blue, however, are full Australian internationals, Marnoch having played in all three matches against the Scots and Blue was a member of the 1965 touring side and also played against Scotland.

Kelly and Perin were among the brightest stars of the Australian under-23 team in last November's triangular international tournament in Noumea.

Romanowicz and De Lyster (South Australia), Wilkins and Richards (Queensland), Micic (Victoria) and John

Watkiss, who toured Asia last year, didn't make it this time.

The squad is:
Goalkeepers: Corry (NSW), Kelly (Qld.).

Fullbacks: Keith, Van Alphen (Vic.), Marnoch, Ackerley, Schaefer (NSW).

Midfield men: Westwater, Warren (NSW), Lloyd (Newcastle), Perin (SA).

Forwards: Abonyi, McColl, Vojtek (Vic.), Baartz, Blue (NSW).

Although the ASF sub-committee had decreed that only three days of communal preparations can be allowed before the first match on March 30, the squad will assemble in Sydney on Tuesday, March 26.

The squad will train twice a day under national team coach Joe Vlasits at the Swedish Merchant Navy's North Ryde sports establishment and will live at a Wahroonga motel — the same arrangements as those last October before the Asian tour.

Dr. Brian Corrigan will again act as medical officer and Lou Lazzari as masseur.

John Barclay of Melbourne is the team manager.

Next week: Japan!

● Next week we will publish a full preview of Japan's visit to Australia.

Apart from the usual features — pen-portraits, etc. — we will also provide an insight into Japanese soccer and sport in general.

Watch for SOCCER WORLD's many exclusive stories on Japan next week.

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Don't believe a word of... ONE-EYED FRED

There's got to be a moral somewhere! Hakoah, the club with money to burn, winning the Ampol Cup on the flip of a coin!

Maybe the lesson is this: scrap the Cup as we know it and replace it with a pre-season competition depending solely on the way a 20 cent piece happens to land.

The idea has endless possibilities.

Perhaps "Thomo's", that erstwhile home of two-up, could be the venue.

Or, how about a back lane in Leichhardt, or Woolloomooloo?

Training methods would change, of course. Players would spend two nights a week brushing up on latest techniques in throwing a head or tail.

Imagine the preview stories in the newspapers: "Alan Marnoch will miss Hakoah's clash with APIA on Sunday because of a sprained spinning finger."

"Fil Bottalico, however, is fully recovered from the nail infection which has sidelined him in recent weeks, and will definitely flip."

The change would greatly simplify the rules under which the competition is played.

All the farcical nonsense which prevailed this year would be done away with.

On Wednesday night, when no decision was reached after extra time, referee Boskovic tossed a coin.

On Sunday, in the play-off for third and fourth places, there was neither extra time nor coin tossing.

Then we were told that officials had hit on a sure-fire formula for deciding the winners, in the event of stalemate in the final.

The official commentator, lolling bare-chested in front of the broadcast box, carried the glad tidings.

He said: "To clear up any misapprehension or misunderstanding among spectators and the players, it has been decided that six penalty kicks will be taken by each side, should they be level after extra time."

It's enough to make Rafferty's rules seem like an exercise in sound and sensible reasoning.

Everywhere else in the world it's five penalties; even in Sydney it was five before.

Now somebody, perhaps out of medieval superstition, has changed it to six.

This is unfathomable to me — just as the point system is in the Cup.

If you award 12 points for a win, six would be logical for a draw.

But it's only five...

As things eventuated, there was no need for the penalties.

We can be thankful, in fact, that there was no need for extra time.

Hakoah did not win the Cup; it was handed to them on a platter by Saints.

St. George played as if the job of keeping the Ampol trophy clean had become a bore, something to be rid of.

Zuckerman's attempt to convert the penalty kick would see him dropped from an under-10 schoolboy team.

Blind Freddie could have saved it.

Hakoah were little better. Baartz, rated the most dangerous striker in Sydney, if not Australia, took pity on Zuckerman and also missed a penalty.

Barnett's match-winning goal was scored on the only occasion he was on side all day.

Haffey would have had good reason for complaining that Barnett was crowding him — generally only one player is allowed in the net.

Maybe this was all part of a dastardly plan by Hakoah. If so, it worked, and Saints' defenders seemed shocked to find Barnett on side.

It was, as one knowledgeable gent said when Harold Parsons mercifully ended proceedings, "a match which will go down in history".

Down, way down...

— ALAN SPEERS

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, OFFICIALS AND PLAYERS OF

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SYDNEY CLUB PATROL

This year's Ampol Cup attendances were slightly up on last season. The 17 double-headers attracted 57,000 spectators as against 55,300 in 1967. The average attendance per double-header was 3,353 spectators. Last season it stood at 3,252. This year's final, however, was the most poorly attended since the 1957 final when Hakoah beat Lane Cove. The biggest Ampol crowd this year turned up at the Yugal v. St. George and Hakoah v. Pan Hellenic double-header (6,330 spectators).

MARCEL ATOUA, Hakoah's clever New Caledonian ball-player, has suspected appendicitis and may have to undergo an operation.

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There have been many improvements made at LAMBERT PARK. Players will now be catered for in style as the dressingrooms are brand new, with new lockers, showers and toilet facilities. The playing surface has also been lengthened by four yards and reurfed. APIA are planning for extra seating accommodation in the near future.

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Hakoah and Granville-Parramatta meet in a three-match TRIAL fixture at McArthur Park on Saturday afternoon. Though Hakoah won't field the players who played in Melbourne the previous night against Croatia (Vic.), players of the calibre of Wilson, Trevor Edwards, McKnight, Keddie, Holloman, Harriell, and maybe Watkiss, will be on view.

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FRANK McCOLGAN, the St. George forward is in Melbourne looking for a club. He will be given a transfer, at his own request.

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JOHN SANCHEZ, the former Pan Hellenic half now with George Cross, is report-



edly keen to return to Sydney where he could earn bigger money.

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It's not certain yet that JOE VENCLOS will stay in Australia after the end of the current season. And if he does, it's not certain that he will remain with Prague.

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Former South Coast and Croatia forward, MIKE JOHNSON, now plays with a non-League club near London and is attending an FA coaching course.

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The first conference planning next year's INTERCITY League will probably take place in Sydney on March 24. All First Division clubs from Sydney and Melbourne will be directly represented.

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The St. George-Budapest club at Mortdale will screen the fabulous film of the 1966 World Cup, "GOAL", this Sunday night, starting at 7.30 p.m.

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GRAHAM SUTHERLAND, Hakoah's recent signing from Auburn, was married last weekend. The young fullback and his bride are on a three-week honeymoon.

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At least one NEW CALEDONIAN player is likely to join St. George soon. He is a fullback; another, a winger, may come later.

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Sydney fans may see a LIVE TELECAST of the second Australia v. Japan international, to be played at Olympic Park on Sunday, March 31.

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Last Friday was not the first time a match in Sydney was won on the TOSS of a coin. Last year South Coast beat Bankstown in the post-competition "Consolation" Cup the same way after tying 2-2.

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In their Saturday afternoon edition, the Sydney MIRROR didn't even list Sunday's Ampol Cup final in their summary of weekend sport. The paper, however, didn't forget to mention pistol shooting, Australian Rules, Rugby trials, surfing and motor boats!

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The first competition round, scheduled for the weekend of March 30-31, has been definitely postponed because of the Australia v. Japan international at the Sportsground on Saturday week. The round is now likely to be played at the completion of the premiership, after the 22nd round. The Grand Final will be played a week later than originally planned and take place on the last Sunday in September at the Sportsground.

MAX DUERR is the name of Saints' latest acquisition. The 20-year-old Swiss, namesake of the famous Swiss international, played until recently in the reserves of Grasshoppers of Zurich. A wing-half, Duerr will stay in Australia for at least two years.

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DENES ADRIGAN was offered a rich long-term contract to become New Guinea's director of coaching. However, he will not accept until at least after the 1968 season.

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MARCONI beat Manly 3-2 in a trial game at Marconi Oval, Bossley Park, last weekend.

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APIA's five new ARGENTINIAN PLAYERS will make their first Sydney appearance on Saturday afternoon in a trial match against Inter-Suburban team, Warringah Saints, at Lambert Park.

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HERBERT STEGBAUER won't be available for another four or five weeks. St. George's classy defender-cum-right winger returned from an Austrian holiday last week, but went on to New Zealand this week to get married in eight days. He'll only return to Sydney after a two-week honeymoon. By the time he's fit to play, the premiership will be well under way.

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President Charles Caravassanos and assistant-secretary, Norm Martin, were made LIFE MEMBERS of Canterbury-Marrickville last Sunday week.

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CANTERBURY and ST. GEORGE meet in three grad- es in official trial matches on Saturday, starting at 11.45 a.m., at Arlington Oval.

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JOHN ROBERTS, Australia's World Cup goalkeeper, now playing for Chesterfield, in the English Fourth Division, is almost certain to re-join APIA at the end of the current English season.

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BRIAN TRISTRAM, Sydney's top goalscorer when he starred for Prague in 1963, is keen to join a Sydney club. Tristram rejoined South Coast



United when he returned from a UK holiday towards the end of the 1967 premiership.

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WARRINGAH SAINTS coach, Leo Kleutt, is very happy with the team's progress and is confident that they will do well in the coming season. Gerard Bowman is developing into a fine young player, Peter Evans, a recent signing, shows a great deal of promise. Mike Harry and H. Dodd are other key players.

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ST. PATRICK's of Blacktown are hoping to obtain at least seven British amateur players. They are also negotiating with three from Malta.

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EASTSIDE-MTK will play their final trials against Lane Cove on Sunday afternoon at Neild Park, Drum- moyne. Last week MTK defeated Ryde 2-0 with Kaposi and Hejtmánek scoring the goals.

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Soon St. George can view their teams and proudly announce: "This is a WARREN Brothers production". John needs little introduction; apart from his playing activities, he is also the club's fulltime PR. Brother Ross will train the third team and brother Geoff will co-ordinate the training of junior teams in the district.

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NSW Amateur Federation secretary, DAVID CHILDS, organised Dettmar Cramer's visit to Sydney this week. The

dynamic Childs, together with Joe Vlasits, accompanied the FIFA coach to Wollongong last Tuesday and Parkes on Thursday.

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The NSW Federation is requesting all clubs to send in the funds they have collected for the Australian Olympic Appeal. The moneys or the left-over badges and stickers should reach the secretary by next Tuesday.

CANTERBURY's second grade coach this season will be old club stalwart, Don Brown. The Berries' third graders will be coached by last season's successful coach, Ron Dryburgh.

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The season's first coaching casualty is Pan Hellenic's BILL VROLYKS, who has resigned under pressure from a segment of "supporters". Vrolyks will remain with the club, however, and concentrate on the club's fast developing junior nursery.

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LANE COVE UNITED have had some good trial outings against Inter-Suburban clubs. The results were close — Marrickville v. Lane Cove 3-2 and Lane Cove v. Enmore 2-1. In other recent trials: Earlwood v. Marrickville 4-1; Enmore v. Earlwood 8-3; Earlwood v. Loftus Rovers 4-1 and Condell Park surprised Belmore with a 5-3 win.

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Another old, staunch St. George-Budapest supporter died with ISTVAN CHARODY who passed away last Sunday night at the age of 71, following a prolonged illness.

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BILL CHARR, who is the secretary for Eastern Suburbs, is very ill at his home in Glebe. All Association correspondence must be sent to Alan Cohn, 6/9 Kidman St., Coogee, 2034, and all personal matters to 119 Cowper St., Glebe, 2037.

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MELITA EAGLES started moves leading to an application for a full liquor licence for their club premises at Marrickville.

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POLONIA defeated Bankstown 3-2 in a trial match at Bankstown Soccer Centre last Saturday. Former Croatia right winger Swoboda scored two goals for Polonia. On Sunday morning Thistle defeated NS-Inter 1-0. Rick Murray was the scorer.

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Rhodesian problem

KUALA LUMPUR. — The Rhodesian problem seems about to spill over into the realm of soccer.

The secretary of the Asian Football Confederation, Mr. Koe Ewe Keik, confirmed that the International Football Federation (FIFA) had placed Rhodesia in the Asia-Oceania region for World Cup competition eliminations.

This region includes Australia and New Zealand.

"We are not very happy about it, though I don't want to say much at this stage," Mr. Koe said by telephone from Penang.

Japan, Israel, South Korea, Australia, New Zealand and Rhodesia have been placed in Group 15 of the World Cup.

The group is divided into two parts which will play round robins, the winner of each group playing off for the right to play in the 1970 World Cup series.

— A.A.P.

Preview of Inter-City League?

HAKOAH CAN RETAIN UNDEFEATED RECORD

— By LOU GAUTIER —

The Ampol Cup winners from Sydney (Hakoah) and Victoria (Croatia) meet at Olympic Park, Melbourne, on Friday night in what has been rather loosely termed an "inter-city cup final."

This is the first such match between the pre-season competition winners of the two States.

In 1960 when JUST won the first and only national Ampol tournament, staged in Sydney, NSW were not represented by a Sydney club.

Budapest, the Sydney Ampol Cup winners, were eliminated by Newcastle's Wallsend 3-1, in a preliminary play-off to determine the NSW representative.

Just for the record these were the results of the 1960 Ampol national series: JUST (Vic.) v. Hellenic (Q'ld.) 4-2; JUST v. Juventus (SA) 2-1; JUST v. Wallsend 3-3; Hellenic v. Wallsend 3-1; Juventus v. Wallsend 2-0.

JUST totalled 5 points, Hellenic 4, Juventus 2 and Wallsend 1.

Hakoah are no strangers to Melbourne.

In fact they never lost a match — either friendly or competitive — there.

Their two competitive matches in Melbourne were in the 1965 and 1966 Australia Cup semifinals.

In 1965, they beat George Cross 2-1 and in 1966 they featured in the sensational "Battle of Olympic Park" when their match against South Melbourne-Hellas was abandoned towards the end, with Hakoah leading 3-1.

Let's hope that Friday's match is less explosive and cements the soccer bonds between the two States in-

stead of driving a further wedge between them.

There is no reason why this inter-city cup final should not be played in the best of sporting spirits.

This is strictly a friendly match, with nothing at stake, organised to strengthen the rather loose ties between NSW and Victorian clubs.

Croatia and Hakoah won't be playing for any prize-money, not even for a trophy, believe it or not. And there won't even be a return match in Sydney, as planned originally.

All the more reason why the two most consistent pre-competition teams from our two leading States should turn in a crowd-pleasing display.

Both teams certainly have the form to produce excellent football as Hakoah and Croatia won their respective Ampol Cups without suffering defeat and their wins bore no discussion.

Bob Low, in Melbourne, swears by the Croatia attack — "a five star forward-line," he calls it.

Our Melbourne correspondent is confident Croatia's forward-line, which includes Australian internationals McMeekan and Vojtek, and the exciting young prospect, Glaser, can work its way past Hakoah's formidable defence.

Despite the ground disadvantage, I think Hakoah can achieve a prestige victory and will probably return home with their favorite winning score — 1-0.

Likely teams:

Croatia-Melbourne: Kovacec; Frajanovic, Gunn; Rau, Bot, McArthur; McIntyre, McMeekan, Vojtek, McKay, Glaser.

Hakoah-Sydney: Fuzes; Stewart, Hillsdon; Gardiner, Marnoch, Yaager; Edmunds, Fekete, Barnett, Baartz, Jones.

...OR SO THEY SAY

"Les Schauman will be a definite starter for APIA, with the rest of the team the same as for last Friday night's match. The Ampol Cup final will be played at Wentworth Park on Saturday afternoon."

(SM Herald, March 13).

"Rugby League seems to have become the annual Sydney war game. The battle is bloody. Rugby League is played on a team basis that not only sanctions physical clashes, but also requires them in every game."

(Mirror, March 14).

"Hakoah will leave the final team choice until shortly before the match; John Keddie will probably be dropped in favour of Stan Sekede with both Keith Jones and Attila fit to play."

(Sun-Herald, March 17).

"A total of nine players were sent off in two fiery Rugby League pre-season competition matches last night — five from Manly-Warringah, two from Balmain, and one each from South Sydney and Canterbury-Bankstown. ... At the end of the game, the police had to escort the referee, Laurie Bruyeres, from the field to the referee's dressing-room. ... It was a pretty tame incident compared with some of the blood and thunder earlier in the match."

(Sun-Herald, March 17).

"Summing up: On what we saw last night, you could bet the Canberra to the Manly Ferry that St. George will win Sunday's Ampol Cup final at Wentworth Park."

(D. Jack, Sun, March 14).

"It was the first time a match (Hakoah v. Prague) in Sydney has been decided on a toss."

(Hotspur, Mirror, March 14).

"Japan is Asia's top team. The Japanese are better than the North Koreans who created such a sensation in the 1966 World Cup in England."

(Hotspur, Mirror, March 15).

"The player concerned is 6ft 1in Chris Barton, a speedy, goal scoring forward from Crystal Palace, who joined Souths (Croatia) this week."

(D. Jack, Sun, March 15).

"Hakoah and Prague tied after 120 minutes of play in the Ampol Cup semifinal."

(Telegraph, March 18).

"The (Ampol) win was Hakoah's first in any type of competition for several years."

(Herald, March 18).

AMERICAN SCHOOL TEAM WILL TOUR AUSTRALIA

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

One of the attractions of the 1968 school football roster in Sydney will be the appearance in late June of the visiting team from the Pike School, Massachusetts, on the United States' Atlantic Coast.

Arrangements for the tour are now being made with the NSW Education Department.

The main match will be against the full CHS XI.

The Pike School will tour New Zealand before coming to NSW, and will then go on to Queensland.

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High School entries for the Tasman Cup close on March 31 at the CHS AAA office, Regent Street, Sydney.

Sixty entries were already to hand when we went to press.

Amongst the new entrants is Inverell High School.

More of Newcastle and Illawarra's high schools have entered the Cup, which promises to be the most representative yet conducted.

The big entry from Illawarra will make the Cup one of the major sports events for schoolboys in the Wollongong City and surrounding areas.

Other events for High Schools footballers will include the return visit of the highly successful South Australian CHS team.

Federation officials have expressed keen interest in a CHS v. Federation Under-18 fixture.

Cramer's lecture

FIFA's Dettmar Cramer will speak and demonstrate to an audience of junior and school coaches from 6.30 p.m. onwards on Friday at the Leichhardt Police Boys' Club, Norton Street, Leichhardt.

This is the big chance for Sydney's junior enthusiasts to hear one of the world's top coaching experts.

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Most Sydney Associations are well advanced with representative team training.

Two leading under-16 and under-14 teams will thus be in good shape to provide the early fare to the Japan-Australia international at the Sydney Sports Ground on Saturday week.

Amateur soccer enthusiasts have a great opportunity to see the cream of Australian and Japanese players, as local competitions start the following week.

\$2000 grant

Sydney Metropolitan secretary, Brian Emery, already has entries from most Associations for the Inter-District Representative League.

Under-14, 15, and 16 grades will be conducted.

The NSW Federation has committed \$2,000 to meet coaching costs for under-14 and 16 grades, and associations will make their own arrangements for under-15 coaching.

Berries' comeback

The blue-and-gold of Canterbury will re-appear in the under-14 and 16 grades this year.

The Berries' secretary, Tom Sanders, is receiving increased entries in junior grades.

Amongst the new clubs is another Greek outfit, Dulwich Hill AEK.

Blick Oval, Canterbury, will again be the home of various Sydney matches.

The Association is hoping for early progress with the social club, headed by Tom Grimson and Jim Bellwood.

Eastwood match

Gladesville-Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai under-15 and 14 representative teams will play floodlit challenge matches on Friday night at Lower Eastwood Oval.

Gladesville-Hornsby will have 4,000 registered players this year.

Former international left-back Doug Wendt, a coach with Gladesville Ravens club, has been acting as an under-15 selector.

Roy Pearce and Laurie Seymour are coaching representative teams, and both

have previously handled State Championship winners.

Clubs have co-operated in making their players available as never before.

Gladesville-Hornsby's Inter-Suburban League teams will be sponsored by the Gladesville-Hornsby Soccer Club Ltd. for the first time.

A handsome single level brick clubhouse has been built at Santa Rosa Park, in Quarry Road, Ryde.

Funds were provided by the association's clubs, and much of the labor by social club members themselves.

Blacktown stronger

Blacktown United First Division Inter-Suburban club will be greatly strengthened by its amalgamation with Blacktown Spurs, which was completed by both clubs last week.

Club secretary, Dick Lincoln, believes that the successful move will lead to a worthwhile district club centred on Francis Park, Blacktown, which for its present shortcomings is the best ground in this vast district.

This will take Spurs out of Division III, leaving 11 teams and a bye.

There is considerable enthusiasm in the amateurs for country trips, and the bye game could lead to many opportunities being used.

Blacktown will be coached by Vic Golli, whose undoubted abilities will be fully tested for the combined teams to be in premiership challenging form by the end of March.

A big body of opinion in the Nepean District Association has been in favor of having one major club for the Blacktown area, so many of the district's best men are bound to get right in to make the scheme fully operational.

No clear favorite for promotion

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

With the start of the Second Division competition around the corner, preparation is gathering impetus in all Second Division clubs in readiness for the start of the 1968 season.

Most of the clubs have been in training for some time, and in the last few weeks have been busy arranging trials and friendlies experimenting as they go along to find effective combinations.

The new season will see the addition of third grade reserves within the Division — a move highly applauded and supported by all concerned.

The thirds will generally comprise of talented local juniors.

Despite the very few improvements noticeable so far within Second Division clubs, the battle for promotion should be as tense as ever this season and at this stage no club has emerged as a clear favorite.

Here are the first of our reports from the various clubs:

Western Suburbs

There is no doubt that Wests will be one of the contenders for promotion.

The club has engaged four professionals and is still looking for potential players to join the professional ranks.

Of the four engaged — who incidentally are on a three-month trial period — Bijkerk and Pont seem certain to make the grade while Holmes and Randell are still doubtful.

In recent trials Wests have found a promising centre-forward in 20-year-old Goods, and he may be one to be considered for the professional ranks.

Sutherland

Sutherland Shire will certainly be in the race for promotion this season with more or less the same side as last year.

With experience gained from last season, Sutherland will be an improved side and if recent trials are any guide, the team has a good chance.

From last year's line-up Sutherland only lost Bobby Pines, the goalkeeper who went to Western Australia, but there is a possibility that he will be replaced by Len Root of Polonia.

If this move does not eventuate, Ron Hanley or Jeff Smith, the reserve goalkeepers, will be the contenders for the position.

Lane Cove

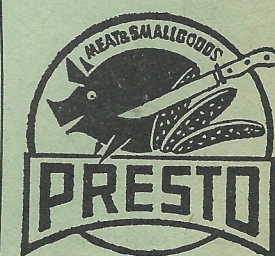
Lane Cove United, second last last season, have every intention to do much better in 1968.

They are not aiming for promotion yet but officials are busy concentrating mainly on their juniors as they are hopeful that when Lane Cove does get into the higher division the team will consist on the whole of local players.

The first team will be strengthened by more youngsters, who will be slowly introduced to big-time football by coach Jock Aird.

Lane Cove suffered an early setback by losing regular goalie Brian Reed in a friendly match recently.

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SUPERB MARNOCH WINS AMPOL CUP FOR HAKOAH

Hakoah won the Ampol Cup, and anyone who feels like arguing about the merits or otherwise of their success should remember simply one thing: they were the only team in the entire Cup which remained unbeaten.

This, anywhere else in the world, would automatically give a team cup victory; here, however, in our peculiar interpretation of what a cup is, a knock-out doesn't necessarily mean a knock-out at all.

Another fact worth mentioning about Hakoah is that they were the team who conceded the least goals — precisely three in seven matches. That much for luck.

St. George at one stage didn't even look to be likely semifinalists; eventually they came within a whisker of winning the trophy — surely under those circumstances, they must be satisfied.

Last Wednesday week:

Prague tossed

The largest night crowd of the season was treated to some spectacular football last Friday night when Hakoah and St. George-Budapest qualified for the Ampol Cup final.

**Hakoah v.
Prague 1-1**

koah, Thorne 64 min. for Prague.

Referee: A. Boskovic.
— Lou Gautier

Prague were very unlucky to be eliminated.

They were clearly the better team for almost the whole of the 70 minutes and should never have been forced into extra-time.

If Hakoah survived to live another day they can thank their centre-half and skipper Marnoch.

The Australian international stopper was not only the best player on the field, but he revealed himself a better "caller" than Prague's Scheinflug when referee Boskovic's coin fell kindly for him.

It would not be an exaggeration to say that most of the first 70 minutes was a duel between Prague's attack and Marnoch.

Hakoah's forwards, with the exception of Edmunds, whose very dash on the wing spelt danger, were practically unsighted before extra-time.

They got back into the match in the last 30 minutes, but only because Prague wilted noticeably and had to carry the injured Scheinflug as a "passenger."

The Prague players in extra-time were hit by cramps and fell over like ten-pins, which was rather surprising because they had looked the fittest, best conditioned side in the series until then.

The extra period was the only time in the match when Hakoah had an equal share of the ball, and this despite their 1-0 lead up to the 64th minute.

Prague were in dashing form and earned sustained applause for their crisp, intelligent approach work, their clever inter-passing and almost perfect co-ordination, but broke down in front of goal.

One can safely say that just one striker, even in moderate form, would have given Prague the comfortable victory all the other facets of their game deserved.

Hakoah: Fuzes; Stewart, Hillsdon; Gardiner, Marnoch, Yaager; Edmunds, Watkiss, Keddie, Baartz, Barnett. **Coach:** D. Holden.

Prague: King; Harcombe, Tracey; Blacker, Rootsey, Blanco; Gauto, Thorne, Scheinflug, Molnar, Hoggart. **Coach:** J. Venglos.

Scorers: Harcombe 15 min. (own goal) for Ha-

**St. George v.
APIA 4-2**

This match only needed the backdrop of a huge crowd and the resulting atmosphere to equal last year's superb Grand Final. Saints were in dazzling form.

There is not one team in Australia which would have got within coo-ee of them on Friday night.

True, they took about 20 minutes to warm to the task and shake off the tenacious APIA, and in the last 20 minutes had to sustain a desperate onslaught on their goal, but their football between the 20th and 50th minutes was irresistible.

This half hour separated the men from the boys and gave Saints their unassailable lead, which could even have been bigger had they not relaxed at 4-1.

APIA had no answer to their opponents' cracking pace and were utterly bewildered, their defenders falling into errors through sheer frustration.

APIA, though outclassed, to their credit never gave up the chase.

Down 1-4, they refused to throw in the towel and they also played their part in making this a match to remember.

APIA reduced the lead in the 53rd minute and set about the impossible task of pegging back their deficit.

APIA hurled everything but the proverbial kitchen sink into attack, but to no avail.

Morgan, Sandell and Schaefer efficiently held the St. George defence together.

St. George - Budapest: Haffey; Sandell, Hillary; Schaefer, Morgan, Zuckerman; Burton, Cliss, Warren, Fernandez, Schuman. **Coach:** L. Hegyes.

APIA: Taylor; Nuttall, Ackerley; Muir (Hughes), Sambrook, Bottalico; Keddie, Blue, Giacometti, Campbell, McKinnon. **Coach:** R. Smith.

Scorers: Schauman 6 and 31 mins., Warren 28 and 40 mins., for St. George; Campbell 12 min., McKinnon 53 min. for APIA.

Referee: K. Lockrey.

Crowd: 5,171 (double-header).

— Lou Gautier

FINAL ORDER:

1. Hakoah
2. St. George
- 3-4. Prague and
- 3-4. APIA



John Warren's scoring attempt is thwarted by Hakoah goalie Peter Fuzes.

Last Sunday:

No help from St. Patrick

St. Patrick obviously decided against interfering in matters of soccer; last Sunday he watched, perhaps dispassionately, how his Sydney Saints went down in the Cup.

The match for third place produced better soccer than one has the right to expect from two teams disappointed over having missed the final.

**Prague v.
APIA 1-1**

This match consisted of one with Scheinflug and one without him.

While the Prague skipper was about in the first half, theirs was by far the more polished, more thoughtful team.

A delight to watch, you could say; operating with short passes, frequent positional changes, creating chances.

At this stage APIA, by comparison, looked cumbersome and ineffective.

But things changed dramatically. Scheinflug, presumably injured, was replaced at the interval — and Prague rapidly fell to pieces.

Gone was the drive and the urgency from their game; the midfield generalship remained unfilled.

Gradually APIA took over — and by all reckoning, should have swamped their opponents.

At least four enormous opportunities were wasted by the APIA forwards while Prague seldom even crossed the halfway mark and APIA had to be content with a draw.

Prague: King; Harcombe, Zeman, Rootsey, Blacker; Blanco, Scheinflug (Manuel); Gauto, Thorne, Molnar, Hoggart.

APIA: Taylor; Nuttall, Sambrook, Ackerley; Hughes (Campbell), Bottalico; Keddie, Blue, Giacometti, Campana, McKinnon.

Scorers: Gauto 6 min., McKinnon 57 min.

Referee: M. Buchanan.
— Paul Dean

**Hakoah v.
St. George 1-0**

Having lost the previous two Ampol Cup finals, this time Hakoah came good and took home the bacon in an exciting, close though somewhat scrappy game.

I know it's unfair to place one player so much above the others but in this case I'll risk it: the difference between the two teams was Alan Marnoch.

Worth three ordinary defenders almost any day, in the final Marnoch spelt nemesis for the Saints.

I am convinced that without him the Hakoah defence would be very mundane; I am equally convinced that with him APIA or St. George would be almost unbeatable.

In the first half, Hakoah didn't have to call on Marnoch too often: they were mainly on the attack, moving swiftly, smoothly,

flicking the ball cleverly and giving their opponents the perfect run-around.

The goal they scored was "engineered" by Morgan quite oddly sprinting the wrong way — but Hakoah, with an ounce of luck, could have added two or three to their tally.

In fact, the match was pretty one-sided at that stage, with the Saints unable to shake off their nerves.

Some 10 minutes after the interval St. George were awarded a penalty kick when Schuman was brought down — but Zuckerman, king of the spot-kicks, missed, placing it gently into the arms of the diving Fuzes.

Instead of depressing them into complete submission, this missed opportunity somehow revitalised the Saints.

For about 25 minutes they attacked relentlessly, vehemently — but not terribly intelligently.

In the last 10 minutes Hakoah, although still very much on the defensive, calmed down again and held the ball and, whenever possible, mounted one or two dangerous counter-attacks.

At the end of one Haffey grabbed the feet of Jones inside the box and Parsons — always a reluctant man to give penalties — awarded his second of the day.

But Baartz, out of touch for the whole match, slammed it against the right post and Hakoah's only chance to increase their lead was gone.

On the whole, Hakoah were slightly the better of the two teams, mainly on their first half display.

Apart from Marnoch, Fuzes, Gardiner, Hillsdon and Yaager also played remarkably well in the defence.

Their forward line was rather quiet; Fekete started brilliantly, then faded while the others were below par.

In St. George not one player rose above the mediocre.

Substitute Taylor in the second half was their best defender; Schaefer and Zuckerman improved as the game progressed but were far from their best.

Among the forwards Cliss and Fernandez had some nice touches but the others were disappointing.

Hakoah: Fuzes; Stewart, Marnoch, Hillsdon; Gardiner, Yaager; Edmunds, Fekete, Barnett, Baartz, Jones.

St. George: Haffey; Sandell (Taylor), Morgan, Hillary; Schaefer, Zuckerman; McCue, Cliss, Warren, Fernandez, Schauman.

Goal: Barnett 14 min.

Referee: H. Parsons.

Crowd: 6,000 (double-header).

— Paul Dean

NSW SHOULD WIN BIG INTERSTATE MATCH

— By LOU GAUTIER —

The biggest crowd of the season to date, weather permitting, should turn up at Wentworth Park on Sunday for the first appearance of the Victorian State team in Sydney since 1963.

The NSW v. Victoria game is the second in a two-match series organised by both State Federations to strengthen relations between the two leading Australian States.

In Melbourne, almost a fortnight earlier, the teams played a scoreless draw before a crowd of 6,000 spectators at Olympic Park.

We would be unpleasantly surprised if both the score and the attendance weren't improved on Sunday.

to play attractive football. You can discount the unspectacular nature of the match in Melbourne.

This time the players will be operating under far better conditions.

Apart from the vastly improved ground, all 22 players will be in the nick of condition as they nearly all had a week's rest, in contrast to the first tie when St. George-Budapest and Pan Hellenic players were playing their second game in 24 hours and most of the other NSW stars their second in two or three days.

The freshness of the NSW team should be a big advantage in their favor, and one of the reasons why we expect them to beat Victoria, though it won't be a cake-walk as some people unreasonably expect.

Make no mistake about it: there is plenty of talent in this Victorian team and players like Schroif, Keith, Van Alphen, Goodwin, Randles and Abonyi could thrill Sydney fans.

Victoria will be looking for a better display from Australian international forwards McColl and Vojtek, especially the latter who had a wretched match in the first tie.



ATTILA ABONYI (Vic.)

The crowd, almost certainly, should be larger because the Sydney public is craving for top interstate football.

Victoria's galaxy of internationals, especially the players who burst on the national scene during last year's triumphant Asian tour, should draw at least 8,000 fans to Wentworth Park.

The score and quality of the football is up to the players, but the smooth, lush Wentworth Park surface will be a welcome change after the shocking Olympic Park dustbowl.

Players won't have the excuse that the state of the ground made it impossible



RON CORRY (NSW)

In defence last Monday week there was very little between the teams, but on Sunday Schaefer, Marnoch and Scheinflug, all of whom

are in tremendous form, may gain the upper hand in the midfield.

It will then be up to the local forwards to convert NSW's expected territorial advantage into match-winning goals.

We have a hunch that quite a few goals will fall on Sunday despite the excellence of the defences.

Relying on Abonyi, McColl, McMeechan and Vojtek, Victoria could also sparkle in attack.



ROY BLITZ (NSW)

Their forwards are actually more goal-conscious than their NSW counterparts as all four are established goalgetters.

Abonyi will be the centre of great attention and we can assure Sydney fans they will be in for a treat if the classy Hungaria inside-right plays his usual fast moving, elegant and clever game.

He will, undoubtedly, be the greatest threat to the NSW defence who must watch his every move, all of the time.

The stage is set for a hum-dinger of a match which shouldn't disappoint the Sydney crowd.

Before the first match we tipped the teams to draw in Melbourne and NSW to win in Sydney.

The first part of the forecast has been fulfilled, and we expect the second part to come true this weekend.

Rivalry now more than 80 years old

The history of the NSW v. Victoria clashes in soccer goes back a long way, long before Federation in 1901.

In the 1880's the two senior States seemed to have fairly regular encounters, dominated mainly by NSW with three wins and three draws against two losses.

Then contact was broken and the matches did not resume until 1913.

After 1914 another nine years went past without a single match between the two States, and following the 1923 game in Sydney another five-year spell occurred.

Between 1928 and 1940 NSW and Victoria met only once every four years — oddly enough, in the so-called Olympic Years.

In the 1950's matches were held fairly regularly until 1956, when the NSW Federation was born and reluctantly broke contact with the other States still under Association rule.

The period of Australian soccer "thaw" started with NSW's visit to Melbourne in 1960.

Even though the New South Welshmen lost 1-4, they performed a great service by paving the way for negotiations on administrative level that eventually led to the formation of the Australian Federation.

In 1962 the States met three times, NSW winning the game that mattered most — an interstate championship match — 2-0 in Melbourne.

NSW again defeated Victoria in the interstate series — 3-2 at Sydney — in 1963.

Then we had to wait five years, until last Monday week, for a resumption of clashes at State team level.

Here, for the record, are the results of all past NSW v. Victoria matches:

- 1883: NSW v. Vic. 2-2 (Melb.).
- 1883: NSW v. Vic. 2-2 (Melb.).
- 1884: NSW v. Vic. 4-1 (Sydney).
- 1884: NSW v. Vic. 1-0 (Sydney).
- 1885: NSW v. Vic. 0-3 (Melb.).
- 1886: NSW v. Vic. 3-1 (Sydney).

PROBABLE TEAMS

NSW v. VICTORIA

CORRY	1	SCHROIF
LINCOLN	2	KEITH
ACKERLEY	3	COOK
SCHAEFER	4	RANDLES
MARNOCH	5	VAN ALPHEN
SCHEINFLUG	6	GOODWIN
BLUE	7	McCOLL
WESTWATER	8	ABONYI
WARREN	9	McKAY
BAARTZ	10	McMEECHAN
BLITZ	11	VOJTEK

NSW reserves: Eaton, Johnston, Yaager, Fernandez.
Vic. reserves: O'Hara, Micic, Sanchez, Reid, High.
Referee: A. BOSKOVIC.

1887: NSW v. Vic. 2-2 (Melb.).	1955: NSW v. Vic. 4-1 (Melb.).
1888: NSW v. Vic. 1-2 (Sydney).	1955: NSW v. Vic. 0-2 (Newcastle).
1913: NSW v. Vic. 2-3 (Melb.).	1955: NSW v. Vic. 4-1 (Sydney).
1913: NSW v. Vic. 1-1 (Melb.).	1956: NSW v. Vic. 1-4 (Melb.).
1914: NSW v. Vic. 0-1 (Melb.).	1956: NSW v. Vic. 0-5 (Melb.).
1914: NSW v. Vic. 2-3 (Melb.).	1960: NSW v. Vic. 1-4 (Melb.).
1923: NSW v. Vic. 5-1 (Sydney).	1962: NSW v. Vic. 1-0 (Melb.).
1928: NSW v. Vic. 2-3 (Sydney).	1962: NSW v. Vic. 2-0 (Melb.).
1932: NSW v. Vic. 7-0 (Sydney).	1962: NSW v. Vic. 3-4 (Sydney).
1936: NSW v. Vic. 10-0 (Adelaide).	1963: NSW v. Vic. 3-2 (Sydney).
1940: NSW v. Vic. 4-2 (Sydney).	1968: NSW v. Vic. 0-0 (Melbourne).
1952: NSW v. Vic. 1-3 (Melb.).	NSW's record: P: 30
1954: NSW v. Vic. 2-2 (Adelaide).	W: 12 D: 6 L: 12 F: 70
	A: 55.

SYDNEY PROGRAM

THIS WEEKEND

Sunday, March 24

NSW v. Victoria — Wentworth Park, 3.00 p.m.

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday, March 30

Australia v. Japan — Sportsground, 3.00 p.m.

Sunday, March 31

AUSTRALIA CUP

Prague v. Latrobe (Qld.) — Marks Field, 3.00 p.m.

ASF IS SILENT ON LAST WEEK'S STORY

Our story on the ASF last week has produced a long, shattering silence in ASF circles.

Several leading officials indicated that they "would comment in writing" — but so far none have done so.

ASF treasurer Tom Grimson made a verbal protest at what he termed "offensive remarks."

Grimson objected to only one single paragraph in the seven-column article and that was concerning his candidacy for the national team managership.

"When I was nominated I wasn't even in the room," he said.

"Two days later I withdrew from the contest anyway."

"But I can assure you that it wasn't personal vanity that made me seek office."

Tom Grimson also said that the national team managership should go to a man who used to be a "well known player."

With this, we disagree. The world is full of brilliant, successful managers who were never well known players: Herberger, Winterbottom, Pozzo, Herrera, Feola, Moreira, etc.

Besides, the ASF never made this a condition of the post before.

Neither Jim Bayutti nor Ian Brusasco were well known players — yet they served as co-managers in 1965.

When we suggested that the ASF should try to appoint a non-executive to the post who is close to soccer — we named in a hurry Les Bordacs, Harry Lakmaker, Kevin D'Arcy — Grimson countered that they are "either clubmen or unknown to many ASF delegates."

ASF secretary Ian McAndrew has declined to make any comment on last week's article.

NSW president Jim Bayutti said:

"I resent the fact that my name was even brought up at the recent ASF sub-committee meetings."

"I want to make it clear for once and all that under the present set-up I don't wish to have anything to do with ASF administration."

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Canterbury			SAMBROOK (APIA) MUCILLO (retired)	NINAUS (?)
Croatia	WRIGHT (Newcastle) MARTIN (England)		TYRRELL (Ireland) BONHAM (Ireland) SWOBODA (Polonia)	
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CUP TO HELLAS IN NO BORN AUSSIE COLORLESS FINAL IN VIC. SQUAD

— From ALLAN CRISP in Adelaide —

WA Hellas wrested the Ampol Cup from Juventus with a deserved 2-0 win last Friday night at Hindmarsh.

The game lacked the lustre of last year's great Juventus v. Polonia final but was a triumph for the defences of both sides.

Quick tackling and sharp interceptions kept methodical attack to a minimum and reduced the spectacle appeal of the final.

Hellas made two major

changes to the side which lost the preliminary round game to Juventus.

They had captain-coach Tom Forde and Billy Birch back and both played significant roles.

Forde directed operations and dictated the tempo while Birch scored the all important opening goal.

Forde's task was made easier by the absence of Peter West (suspended).

Hellas were more systematic throughout but Juventus still could have won had they accepted their scoring chances.

Joe Serafini, Manuel Cruz and Steve Herczeg all frittered away golden opportunities. Hellas were not guilty of the same sin.

Birch and Nick Pantelis scored two goals in an inspired three minutes of opportunism that set Juventus reeling.

Juventus then had 21 minutes to pull the game out of the fire but Forde locked his gates and threw away the key.

WA Hellas: Tsitsos; Irwin, Kefaloudis; Worthington, Burdett, Forde; Pantelis, Birch, Byrne, Batchelor, De Lyster.

Juventus: Tarascio; Baggio, Mill; Perin, Rusalen, Meneghetti; Oliviera, Cruz, Serafini, Frattini, Herczeg (Zamprognio).

Scorers: Birch 56 min., Pantelis 59 min.

Referee: M. O'Malley.

Crowd: 6,700.

AUST. CUP STARTS OFF IN ADELAIDE

SA Ampol Cup winners, WA Hellas, will play Polonia in an Australia Cup elimination round game at Hindmarsh tonight (Friday, March 22).

The victor will be SA's No. 2 seed in the national series.

Juventus will play Beograd for the No. 1 position on a date to be fixed.

Tonight's winner will clash with Azzurri of Perth within the next few weeks.

Polonia's State defenders Roger Romanowicz, Eugene Nowak and Cyril Heppentall, will have to bear the brunt of the talented Hellas attack.

Polonia will base their hopes on speed and the ability of their youngsters to create openings.

However, I expect the Hellas counter-attack method to bring them a narrow success. A.C.

FOUR PLAYERS LEAVE SLAVIA

Slavia have released four players free to local or interstate clubs. They are:

● **Pat McDonagh:** wing half or inside-forward who was a member of their 1963 Australia Cup-winning side and who has been out of

the game for two years with a leg injury. Now on the mend, he has joined First Division club Moreland.

● **Tom Harper:** another member of Slavia's 1963 Australia Cup-winning team and inside partner of McDonagh. He is working in Tasmania and has joined Olympia.

● **Peter Lowen:** reserve centre-forward who has appeared in Slavia's first team, has gone to Dandenong City, another First Division club.

● **Alan Jarvis:** a reserve team forward, joins up with Park Rangers in the Second Division.

In addition to the recent signing of Sandy Henderson, the former Scottish Second Division 'keeper, Hakoah have added another two to their list.

Newcomers are John Ogilvie, an inside forward from England who has been playing with the Chelsea Soccer Club in Victoria and Rae McLennan, a 20-year-old half from Nairn County, the Scottish Highland League side.

— Bob Low

VICTORIA v. STH. AUSTRALIA 5-3

VOJTEK'S HAT-TRICK KNOCKS OUT VISITORS

In soaring temperatures before a crowd which numbered 1500, Victorian and South Australian players put on a brave front on the Middle Park surface which at the moment is streets ahead of any other in Melbourne.

For the first 20 minutes of the match, which could have been bigger had more care been exercised in front of goal, Victoria increased this to 4-1, then the visitors quickly caught up most of their arrears as they rattled on two goals in three minutes.

Changing round at half-time with a comfortable lead



STEVE HERCZEG (SA)

However, a late goal by Victoria six minutes from the end sealed the result and gave them a deserved win.

Victoria: Schroif; Keith, Cook; Randles, Van Alphen, Goodwin; McColl, Abonyi, J. McKay, McMeechan (Reid), Vojtek.

South Australia: Romanowicz (Service); Rusalen, Mill; Worthington (Herczeg), Nowak, Perin; Pantelis, West (Brown), Birch, Manka, De Lyster.

Scorers: McMeechan, Vojtek (3), Randles for Victoria; Birch, Herczeg, Pantelis for South Australia.

Referee: Roger Lamb (Victoria).

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Britons predominate in the 15-man Victorian squad, which does not include one Australian-born player.

Ten of the players were born in Scotland or England, the others hailing originally from Czechoslovakia, Holland, Yugoslavia and Hungary.

The squad includes eight full Australian internationals.

These are the pen-portraits of the visitors:

● **William Schroif:** former Slovan Bratislava and Czechoslovakian international 'keeper. Joined Slavia in early 1967 and is now player-coach.

● **George Keith:** right-back of Hakoah who represented Australia in the Saigon Tournament. At one time on the books of Arsenal and played with Third Lanark and Morton.

● **David High:** left-back of South Melbourne Hellas and recently bought for a big fee from Slavia with whom he played three seasons. Played with Reading before coming to Australia.

● **Frank Micic:** Yugoslav-born wing-half who joined JUST as an 18-year-old eight years ago. Recently transferred to Hellas for a

he was on the books of Motherwell, the Scottish First Division side.

● **John Sanchez:** joined Slavia five years ago, transferred to Pan Hellenic in 1965 and recently bought back by George Cross. On the books of Arsenal as a junior and later played for non-league side Gravesend.

● **Attila Abonyi:** Hungarian-born product of the Melbourne HSC juniors. Played in the first team at the age of 15 seven years ago. Top scorer for Australia on last year's Asian tour.

● **Hamilton McMeechan:** Another ex-Slavia player who was transferred to Croatia almost three years ago and has played for Victoria and Australia many times. Played for Carlisle United and Exeter City in England despite the fact he is a Scot.

● **Billy Cook:** Slavia's longest serving player. Has played many times for Victoria and Australia and was several years with Kilmarnock FC in Scotland before coming here.

● **Jim McKay:** Joined Croatia two years ago. Played with Airdrie in Scotland.

● **Tom McColl:** former "Chelsea Chick" and recently bought from Juventus-Adelaide by Juventus-Melbourne for a fee reported to be in the vicinity of \$6,500. Played for Australia in Saigon.

● **Billy Vojtek:** resounding success as a left winger for Australia. At 22, the Croatia star is considered by many as the best ball-player in Australia.

● **Tom Randles:** captain of Slavia. Played with Stoke City first team a few games then had a spell in non-league soccer in England before coming to Australia to join Slavia.

● **Mike O'Hara:** despite his Irish name comes from the South of England and plays in goal for Hakoah.

● **Jimmy Millar:** Utility player for Juventus. He has played with Beith Juniors and Dumbarton in Scotland. — Bob Low



fee reported to be around the \$7,000 mark. Played for Victoria over 30 times and with Australian team in Saigon.

● **Dick Van Alphen:** centre-half with Wilhelmina for several years before being transferred to Hakoah two years ago. A Dutchman, he was also with the Australian team in Saigon.

● **Jock Goodwin:** in his third season with Slavia,

Melbourne in brief

Frank Barbazza, the 28-year-old winger or centre for Juventus for the past 11 years has been transferred to JUST and made his debut for his new club against his former club in a friendly last Saturday.

Weekend games arranged between State League clubs in Melbourne are:

● **Olympic Park, Saturday:** George Cross v. Polonia — 2 p.m. Slavia v. JUST — 3.45 p.m.

● **Middle Park, Saturday:** Hakoah v. Alexander 3 p.m.

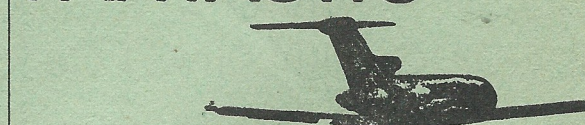
● **Middle Park, Sunday:** SM Hellas v. Croatia 3 p.m.

Duncan McKay, the former Glasgow, Celtic and Scottish international full-back or wing half, is prepared to move to Sydney and his transfer is listed at \$4,000.

Hakoah play their Australia Cup tie against Launceston United next week at Olympic Park.

Launceston United caused a shock here in their visit last year by going down by the odd goal in three to Melbourne who ran out eventual winners of the Australia Cup. B.L.

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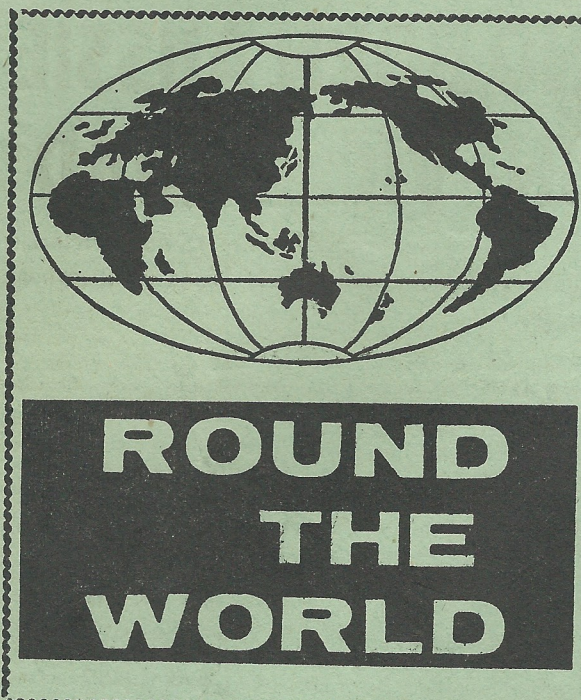
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Japanese star joins Saarbruck

FC Saarbrücken have signed a Japanese centre-forward, Kamamoto, who played for Japan in the 1966 Asian Games at Bangkok. Kamamoto created a very favorable impression in his first outing — a friendly match against Neunkirchen.

Poland's new coach

Poland's new national team manager is Richard Konciewicz, who returns to the position after a four-year absence. Konciewicz has already selected a preliminary national squad of 44 players for the coming World Cup elimination games. Poland will play five friendly internationals, against Turkey, Holland, East Germany, Eire and Hungary this year.

FIFA plans well ahead

Sir Stanley Rous, the FIFA president, recently paid a brief visit to South America. While in Buenos Aires he confirmed that the 1978 World Cup would be held in Argentina (the 1974 series will be staged in West Germany). Sir Stanley also intimated that Spain would almost certainly be entrusted with the World Cup in 1982.

Fortune spent on grounds

In the last 10 years it is estimated that English clubs have spent \$30 million on ground improvements. In the next 10 years almost every professional club's ground in England will be renovated at the cost of another \$120 million. The First Division clubs alone have spent \$17 million on their grounds since 1958. Leeds and Burnley are the next clubs planning to invest a tidy sum in new covered stands. Many clubs, however, are finding it difficult to enlarge their grounds because they are located in heavily populated areas. Clubs like Arsenal, Oxford and Southampton, who have no room for further extensions, are contemplating moving to brand-new grounds in the near future.

Oceania championship likely

It's almost certain that FIFA will moot that the South American, European, Central American, Asian and African championships serve as qualifying vehicles for the 1974 World Cup finals in West Germany. If the move is adopted at the 1970 Mexico Congress, the Oceanic Confederation will have to organise its own championship, otherwise Australia and the other Pacific countries could be left out in the cold for the 1974 World Cup.



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There has been a mass pull-out in the third Asian Olympic qualifying group. North Korea, Burma, Iran and India have withdrawn, leaving only Israel and Ceylon to fight it out. The two-legged tie was played in Tel Aviv this week. Israel won the first leg 7-0 and are now assured of a berth at Mexico City together with fellow Asians, Thailand and Japan.

Yugoslav pros are flourishing

Yugoslavia, the only Socialist country in Europe where professionalism is permitted now has 1,396 fulltime professional players: 472 in the 16 First Division clubs and 924 in the 36 Second Division clubs (the Yugoslav Second Division is split into two groups of 18 clubs). Czechoslovakia is expected to become the second Iron Curtain country to legalise professional sport by the end of this year.

● Angelillo, the Argentinian-born forward, will leave Italy at the end of the season to return home. From Buenos Aires he may move to Mexico to coach the America club.

● Barcelona have offered Bilbao \$160,000 for their international Spanish goalkeeper Iribar. Barcelona have also now officially acquired Flamengo's Brazilian international inside-forward, Silva, for \$100,000.

● The big clash of the West German Cup quarter-finals is the FC Nurnberg v. Bayern Munchen match.

● Milwall's Scottish international goalie, Laurie Leslie, fractured his jaw a fortnight ago and is still in hospital.

● George Best has signed a two-year contract with Britain's largest modelling agency. The irrepressible Irish winger will model the latest men's fashions and will be paid a minimum of \$350 a week.

● Did you know that Di Stefano is god-father to no less than 167 children in Spain and 11 abroad?

● Bayern Munchen and Leeds United will play against each other in a three-match exhibition series in the USA in June before touring South America.

● Botafogo won the Mexican Tournament in which Ferencvaros, Red Star Belgrade and the Mexican "A" and "B" teams also took part.

● Deportivo Cali of Colombia have sacked their Argentinian international, Nestor Rossi, on suspicion of taking a bribe.

● Mexico held Russia to a 0-0 draw before a crowd of 80,000 in Mexico City.

● More South American Cup results: Palmeiras v. Nautico Recife (Brazil) 0-0, Emelec Guayaquil (Ecuador) v. Nacional (Ecuador) 1-0, Deportivo Portugues (Venezuela) v. Deportivo Galicia (Venezuela) 1-0.

● Stoke City were beaten 3-1 by Ghana's third best club, Asante Kotoko at Accra two weeks ago. Stoke only spent 36 hours in the Ghanaian capital.

Tottenham was first

Tottenham, and not Manchester United as we reported last week, was the first English team to field a team of full internationals. In 1961-62 the Tottenham Hotspurs line-up was: Brown (Scotland), Hopkins (Wales), Henry (England), Blanchflower (Northern Ireland), Norman (England), Mackay (Scotland), Medwin (Wales), White (Scotland), R. Smith (England), Greaves (England), Jones (Wales). This team had a representative from each of the "home" countries: Manchester United's has not. We are indebted to the many readers who took the trouble to write or ring to put the record straight.

● West Germany and Switzerland will play their traditional annual match at Basel on April 17. West Germany was to have met Hungary on that day.

● N'Gunza, the Congo's best winger, has signed a two-year contract with Sporting Lisbon, who now have four colored players in their ranks.

● Rudi Brunnenmeier, Munchen 1860's international centre-forward, injured himself at training and will be out for many weeks.

● Denmark have a new national coach: Henry From, 31, the former international goalie from Aarhus.

● Pietro Anastasi, Varese's brilliant 19-year-old Sicilian centre-forward, is being tipped as the successor to Mazzola in the national team. Anastasi is rated the best ever Southern Italian prospect.

● Hamburger SV have lost their fullback Dieter Strauss for six weeks. He underwent an appendectomy last week.

● Austria will spar with Werder Bremen and Bayern Munchen before their first World Cup qualifying match against West Germany on October 13 in Vienna.

● Stefan Abadijev, the 28-year-old Bulgarian international forward, is coaching the West German regional team, Wiesbaden. Abadijev is studying at Cologne University.

● Sven Nordqvist, the Swedish international fullback, is also an ice hockey star. Last season he won both the First Division soccer and ice hockey titles.

● The newly promoted Hungarian First Division club Szekesfehervar have adopted the name Videoton, the large factory which finances the club.

● Bayern Munchen are in a financial mess. To cut expenses, in future all their players will get their bonus determined by the attendances.

● The poor start of Ferencvaros in the Hungarian championship is blamed on the indifferent form of their two star forwards, Albert and Varga.

● The Chicago Mustangs are in Europe. Among their opponents are Wacker of Austria, the Yugoslav national team and a leading Swiss club.

Scots will play in Moscow

Scotland will play the USSR in Moscow on May 27 and Holland at Rotterdam on May 30. The Scots have declined an invitation to play in Brazil in the beginning of June though they were offered \$10,000 a match. Scotland's visit to Moscow will be their first. Scotland and West Germany have agreed to play their first World Cup qualifying match in Germany on November 20 and the return match at Glasgow on May 18, 1969.

Their country's best

These were some of the "Footballers of the Year" in Europe for 1967: Erler (East Germany), Strelzov (USSR), Lubanski (Poland), Geleta (Czechoslovakia), Albert (Hungary), Dobrin (Romania), Penev (Bulgaria), Osim (Yugoslavia), Odermatt (Switzerland), Riva (Italy), Eusebio (Portugal), Pirri (Spain), Bosquier (France), Pilot (Luxembourg), Boone (Belgium), Pieters-Graafland (Holland), Best (Northern Ireland), MacNeill (Scotland), Jacky Charlton (England), Muller (West Germany), Hansen (Denmark), Svahn (Sweden).

Brazil v. "The rest"?

Brazil are planning a Brazil v. "The Rest of the World" match at the Maracana Stadium on November 15 to commemorate the 10th anniversary of their 1958 World Cup triumph. Alf Ramsey, Helmut Schoen and Helenio Herrera will be invited to select the "World" XI. FIFA, however, may not allow the match to be played. At their last meeting, the world body decided to oppose this kind of "gala" match.

SCOREBOARD

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS' CUP (quarterfinals):

Gornik Zabrze v. Manchester United 1-0 (United qualified for semifinals on 2-1 aggregate); Benfica v. Vasas 3-0 (Benfica qualified on 3-0 aggregate).

EUROPEAN CUPWINNERS' CUP (quarterfinals):

Lyon v. Hamburger SV 2-2 (play-off necessary); Milan AC v. Standard Liege 1-1 (play-off necessary).

FAIR CITIES' CUP (quarterfinals):

Ferencvaros v. Bilbao 2-1; Sporting Lisbon v. FC Zurich 1-0 (FC Zurich qualified for semifinals on 3-1 aggregate).

BELGIUM:

Racing White v. FC Bruges 0-0; Olympic Charleroi v. Daring 0-1; Waregem v. FC Malines 0-1; Beeringen v. Antwerp 0-1; FC Liege v. Beveren Waas 2-0; Anderlecht v. Standard Liege 4-0; Lierse v. Charleroi SC 3-1; Beerschot v. St. Trond 0-2. Table: Anderlecht 37; Bruges 34; Standard Liege 29.

BULGARIA:

Levski v. Botev Vratza 1-0; Trakia v. Miners 5-1; Spartak Pleven v. CSKA Sofia 0-0; Slivine v. Lokomotive Sofia 2-1; Cernomore v. Sparta Sofia 0-1; Dobroudja v. Botev Bourgas 3-1; Slavia Sofia v. Beroe 1-0; Maritza v. Lokomotive Plovdiv 0-0. Table: Levski 28 pts.; CSKA Sofia 27; Lokomotive Sofia 25; Trakia, Miners 19.

EAST GERMANY:

Jena v. Dresden 2-0; Magdeburg v. Chemie Leipzig 1-0; Motor Zwickau v. Erfurt 5-0; Vorwarts Berlin v. Karlmarxstadt 0-0; Lokomotive Leipzig v. Lokomotive Stendal 2-1; Rostock v. Wismut 3-1; Chemie Halle v. Union Berlin 1-0. Table: Jena 25 pts.; Magdeburg 22; Rostock 21; Lokomotive Leipzig, Vorwarts Berlin 17.

GREECE:

Aris Salonika v. Panionios 5-1; Iraklis v. PAOK 2-0; Verroia v. Olympiakos Cyprus 1-0; Olympiakos Volos v. Panseraikos 1-0; Panelefsinaikos v. Apollon 0-0; Ethnikos v. Pierikos Zagreb 20.

3-0; AEK v. Prodeftiki 3-0; Egaleo v. Panathinaikos 0-0; Olympiakos v. Vyzas 1-0.

HOLLAND:

DOS v. Feyenoord 2-0; Telstar v. Volendam 2-1; Go Ahead v. DWS 2-1; ADO v. Sittardia 4-0; Fortuna v. MVV 2-2; NAC v. Twente 1-0; Ajax v. PSV 4-0; Xerxes v. DHC 0-0; Sparta v. GVAV 4-0. Table: Ajax, Feyenoord 44 pts.; ADO 35; Sparta, Go Ahead 34; GVAV 30.

HUNGARY:

Ujpest v. SBTC 5-0; Honved v. Dunaujvaros 3-0; MTK v. Győr 3-1; Tatabánya v. Ferencvaros 2-4; Videoton v. Diosgyor 1-0; Pecs v. Egyetertes 0-0; Csepel v. Szeged 0-1; Szombathely v. Vasas 3-1. Table: Ujpest, Honved 4 pts.; MTK, Szeged, Ferencvaros 3.

ITALY:

Brescia v. Atalanta 2-1; Cagliari v. Sampdoria 3-3; Fiorentina v. Juventus 2-0; Napoli v. Bologna 0-0; Roma v. Varese 1-0; Spal v. Inter Milan 1-2; Torino v. Mantova 4-1. Table: Milan AC 34 pts.; Torino 30; Fiorentina, Varese, Napoli 28; Inter Milan 27.

WEST GERMANY:

Braunschweig v. Hanover 0-1; Moenchengladbach v. Bayern Munchen 1-1; Schalke v. Duisburg 1-1; Eintracht Frankfurt v. Borussia Dortmund 4-1; VfB Stuttgart v. FC Nurnberg 1-1; Hamburger SV v. Karlsruher SC 0-0; Werder Bremen v. Kaiserslautern 2-1; FC Koln v. Neunkirchen 2-1; Munchen 1860 v. Alemannia Aachen 6-0. Table: FC Nurnberg 36 pts.; Moenchengladbach 32; Werder Bremen 31; Bayern Munchen, FC Koln 30.

YUGOSLAVIA:

Hajduk v. Red Star Belgrade 1-1; Olimpica Ljubljana v. Vojvodina 0-0; Zeljeznicar v. Rijeka 3-1; Velez v. Radnicki Nis 2-0; Vardar v. Sarajevo 2-1; Zagreb v. Belgrade 3-2; Proleter v. Maribor 0-0; Partizan Belgrade v. Dinamo Zagreb 2-0. Table: Partizan Belgrade 24 pts.; Zeljeznicar 23; Red Star Belgrade 21; Dinamo Zagreb 20.



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